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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Jan. 26, 1900.

To the Honorable Senate and the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with section 2 of chapter 262 of the Acts of 1892, the eighth annual report of the transactions of this office, covering the year ending with the 31st of December, 1899. Accompanying this report are the sheriffs' returns and the returns of liquor licenses.

In addition to the duties previously assigned to this office, the Secretary was made, by chapter 475 of the Acts of 1899, a member of a commission on the publication of a record of Massachusetts troops and officers, sailors and marines in the war of the rebellion. He was also authorized to renew the contract for the publication of decisions of the supreme judicial court, and directed to send to cities and towns lists of justices of the peace designated to solemnize marriages.

Notwithstanding the gradual increase of the regular work of the office, no addition has been made to the clerical force.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts from fees, etc., amounted to \$62,966.42, and were from the following sources :—

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These fees, which exceed those of 1898 by about \$2,000, were paid into the treasury monthly, and a quarterly report thereof was made to the Governor and Council, as required by law.

The expenses for salaries were \$38,279.21, of which \$1,213.34 was for the publication of the early laws. The incidental expenses of the office were \$4,056.80.

COMMISSIONS.

The number of commissions issued was 2,278 (a decrease from 1898 of 121), of which 369 were without fee. The different classes were as follows:—

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| Justices of the peace, | 1,291 |
| Notaries public, | 534 |
| Trustees, commissioners, etc., | 114 |
| Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages, | 112 |
| Supervisors of election, | 70 |
| Commissioners in other States and Territories, | 24 |
| Associate medical examiners, | 19 |
| Justices and special justices, municipal, district and police courts, | 18 |
| Special commissioners, | 15 |
| Clerks, municipal, district and police courts, | 14 |
| Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail, | 13 |
| District police, | 12 |
| Public warehousemen, | 8 |
| Trial justices, | 8 |
| Medical examiners, | 8 |
| Public administrators, | 4 |
| Masters in chancery, | 3 |
| Registers, probate and insolvency, | 2 |
| Commissioners to qualify, | 2 |
| Chief justice, supreme judicial court, | 1 |
| Associate justice, supreme judicial court, | 1 |
| Judge, probate and insolvency, | 1 |
| Sheriff, | 1 |
| Commissioner in foreign country, | 1 |
| Physician, Massachusetts Reformatory, | 1 |
| Superintendent, Reformatory Prison for Women, | 1 |

Certificates to the number of 3,078 were issued (an increase of 130 over 1898), of which 369 were without fee.

The act passed by the Legislature of 1899, upon a recommendation in the last annual report of this office, to limit the authority to solemnize marriages to such justices of the peace

as may be designated for the purpose by the Governor, appears to have been as effective as could reasonably be expected, and the abuse of the power to solemnize marriages has thereby received a most salutary check. Of the 112 designations by the Governor under the act, one has been revoked for cause.

CORPORATION DIVISION.

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under general laws to new corporations was 484 (an increase over 1898 of 21), classified as follows : —

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| Manufacturing and mercantile corporations (under Public Statutes, chapter 106, section 21), | 256 |
| Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc., corporations (under Public Statutes, chapter 115, section 4), . . . | 177 |
| Churches (under Acts of 1887, chapter 404), | 25 |
| Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under Acts of 1898, chapter 474, and Acts of 1899, chapter 442), | 6 |
| Street railway corporations (under Public Statutes, chapter 113), . | 18 |
| Co-operative bank (under Public Statutes, chapter 117), | 1 |
| Library (under Public Statutes, chapter 40), | 1 |

Two certificates of incorporation were filed by Roman Catholic churches, under Public Statutes, chapter 38, sections 48, 49 and 50.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and recorded was 3,268 (an increase of 207). Of these, 2,314 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under section 54, chapter 106 of the Public Statutes); 256 were certificates of organization of manufacturing and mercantile corporations (under chapter 106 of the Public Statutes); 177 were certificates of religious, charitable and other organizations (under chapter 115 of the Public Statutes); 302 were certificates of payment of capital in manufacturing and mercantile corporations (under chapter 106 of the Public Statutes); and the remainder were distributed among 17 different classes.

The number of miscellaneous certificates filed and not recorded was 1,016 (an increase of 49), of which 881 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations; and the remainder were divided among 13 other classes.

There were issued 19 certificates of change of name of corporations (an increase of 2).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 62 corporations by the supreme judicial court (an increase of 26).

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, 5 certificates of incorporation which had been issued to clubs were declared void and of no further effect, upon evidence that the premises of the clubs were used for illegal purposes. Charters were refused applicants in 2 cases, and there was 1 withdrawal by the parties originally making the application for incorporation.

Details of all these statistics appear in the Abstract of Certificates of Corporations, published by this office (Public Document, No. 10).

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 41 were filed and recorded (an increase over 1898 of 1).

LABELS, TRADE-MARKS, ETC.

By chapter 462, Acts of 1895 (as amended by chapter 359 of the Acts of 1899), entitled "An Act relative to the registration and protection of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisements," the duty was placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving, filing and recording such labels, etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received and certificates of record issued and recorded in 235 cases (an increase of 47).

MARKS AND DEVICES ON CANS, ETC.

By chapter 440 of the Acts of 1893, entitled "An Act to protect the owners of cans, bottles, boxes, siphons and fountains used in the sale of milk, cream, soda water, mineral and aerated waters, ale, beer, ginger ale or other beverages," it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to receive and file descriptions of marks, devices, etc.; and under this law 29 such descriptions were received and filed (a decrease of 25).

REGISTRATION RETURNS.

The returns of births, marriages and deaths from the various cities and towns for the year 1898, which were received in 1899, cover 73,110 births, 22,142 marriages and 46,761 deaths,

— a total of 142,013. This is a decrease, as compared with the returns for 1897, of 95 births, 896 marriages and 658 deaths.

The medical examiners' returns cover 2,648 cases, — an increase of 369, as compared with the returns for 1897.

The returns by the clerks of the courts of the decrees of divorce for 1898 number 1,843, being an increase of 233, as compared with the returns for 1897.

All of these figures are compiled and presented fully in the fifty-seventh registration report (Public Document, No. 1).

ARCHIVES.

In the archives division the indexing of the French and Indian war records has been completed, and the French and Indian war muster rolls series, numbering nine volumes, together with fourteen volumes of the Revolutionary Rolls collection, have been treated, mounted and rebound by an expert, so that this entire set of manuscript books is now in excellent condition. The work of indexing will be pushed with all possible speed, being extended first to cover military records in the Narragansett war, the expedition to Quebec in 1690, and garrison service prior to 1710. The French and Indian war record index numbers 140,000 cards.

Vol. V. of Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, covering all names between Dua and Foy, inclusive, has been published; and Vol. VI., covering all names between Fra and Gyp, inclusive, is in the hands of the binder, and will soon be issued. Vols. VII. and VIII. will appear during the present year.

The demand for certificates of Revolutionary service has fallen off in some degree, but the inquiries of historical students and of persons interested in research among the archives show no perceptible diminution.

In the registration room the total number of visitors during the year was 2,617, and certificates were issued as follows: births, 385; marriages, 528; deaths, 283.

There are in the archives eight original parchment acts, known as the Dongan acts, relating mainly to raising revenue or regulating excise. They belong properly to the State of New York, and their presence in our archives is probably due to some accident or oversight. This office has received from

the Governor of New York a request for their return, and I recommend the passage of a resolve authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to comply with this request.

Attention is again called to the insufficiency of the space now assigned to the archives, and to the growing need of increased accommodations. I suggest that an appropriation be made for the construction of a gallery in room 332, in accordance with a plan originally proposed by the architects of the State House extension.

I renew my recommendation of last year for such legislation as will authorize the Secretary of the Commonwealth to cause copies to be made of acts, resolves or other records of the Commonwealth, in all cases where, from any cause, such records shall have become worn, mutilated or illegible. Such legislation exists with reference to records of counties, cities and towns, and there is immediate need of it for the proper preservation of some important parts of the records of the Commonwealth.

DOCUMENT DIVISION.

There were printed under the direction of this office during the year 1899, in the Public Document series (numbering 62 different reports), 199,900 volumes, — an increase of 5,250 over 1898. Of this number, 124,975 were handled and distributed in the document division, being supplied to members of the General Court, to cities and towns, public officers, libraries and to the public generally. In addition to the Public Document series, there were printed and distributed 25,000 copies of the pamphlet edition of the laws, 12,000 copies of the Blue Book, 10,000 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 906 copies of the term reports, and 700 copies each of the Senate and House Journals; and there were also received and distributed 1,000 copies of the Early Laws, 1,000 copies Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War (Vol. V.), 6,200 copies of Bradford's History of Plimoth Plantation, 500 copies of The '98 Campaign of the Sixth Massachusetts U. S. V., 11,000 copies Census of Massachusetts, 1895 (Vols. III. and VI.), 5,000 copies of the Supplement to Laws relating to Elections, and 500 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, — making a grand total of 199,481 volumes which passed through the document division during the year.

REGIMENTAL HISTORIES.

During the year a history of the service of the Sixth Massachusetts Infantry in the war against Spain was purchased and distributed under the act of 1899, extending the provisions of chapter 413 of the Acts of 1893 to organizations engaged in the war of 1898.

A history of the First Regiment Massachusetts Heavy Artillery has also been written, and will probably be purchased during the present year under the same act.

STATE PRINTING.

By virtue of an act of 1893, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is supervisor of State printing, and as such is responsible in a large degree for the proper execution of the State printing contract. The suggestion has often been made, and not without reason, that a great deal of matter appears in the annual reports, the omission of which would materially reduce the cost of printing without detriment to the public interest. Nevertheless, it is difficult to suggest a remedy in the form of a law.

The cost of printing the Public Document series was \$60,-625.02, — an increase of \$542.61 over last year. The greatest cost for a single report in the series was for that of the Board of Agriculture, \$5,442.52, — a reduction of \$300 over the previous year. The next in point of cost is the report of the Board of Health, \$4,307.95, — an increase of about \$400 over the previous year. The Blue Book cost \$6,641.60, — a reduction of about \$500 over the previous year; the Manual for the General Court, \$2,823.07, — substantially the same as last year. The official ballot cost \$6,914.85, — almost exactly the same as in 1898. The bill for Senate printing was \$5,362.27, exclusive of the cost of the Senate Journal, which was \$1,107.83. The House printing cost \$15,009.52, exclusive of the House Journal, which cost \$1,354.82. The Senate printing cost somewhat less, and the House printing somewhat more, than in 1898, but the total cost was substantially the same.

There is still an active demand for the Bradford History, 2,862 copies having been sold during the year. A special edition of 1,600 copies was printed for the New England Society

in the City of New York, to be presented by that society to its members. Another special edition of 400 copies has been ordered by the New England Society in the City of Brooklyn.

Under the provisions of chapter 258 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by chapter 243 of the Acts of 1897, the Secretary and the Auditor have authorized illustrations amounting to \$2,285, or about \$600 less than in 1898. The greatest expense was for the report of the Metropolitan Park Commission, \$450.

COMPLETION OF THE EARLY LAWS.

The thirteenth and concluding volume of the edition of Early Acts, publication of which was authorized by chapter 104 of the Resolves of 1889, was finished in June last. The resolve before mentioned authorized the Secretary to cause "to be collated, indexed and published, in a style similar to that in which the blue books, so called, are now published, all the acts and resolves of the general court from the adoption of the Constitution to the year 1806, together with such portion of the acts and resolves of that year as he may find necessary in order to make such publication complete to the time when full publication of the acts and resolves have already been made; and that in the numbering of the said acts and resolves the numbering hitherto adopted shall be followed as far as practicable." Under the foregoing authorization, 13 volumes of uniform size have been issued, each volume covering two legislative years, and the whole comprising all legislation passed between Oct. 25, 1780, the opening date of the first session of the General Court under the Constitution, and March 14, 1806, the date of prorogation of the General Court for the political year of 1805. Work was commenced under the resolve in 1889; but of necessity several months were taken up with the work of preparation, collecting session pamphlets for the entire period, etc., and the first volume was issued in 1890. The entire edition of thirteen volumes, covering twenty-six years of legislation, has therefore been completed within ten years, by the labor of an editor with a single assistant. The publication itself is not simply a reprint of the earlier editions, although the session pamphlets were used as a basis for printer's copy. The copy itself and every revise was compared and read by the original documents. The numbering of the acts as adopted and

printed in the edition of General Laws, published in 1823, by Asahel Stearns and Lemuel Shaw, Commissioners for Revision of Laws, has been adhered to, although the former session number is given as well at the head of every chapter. The previous numbering of the resolves as given in the session pamphlets has been retained, as no other numbering has ever been adopted at any time. Strict construction of the direction of the resolve, that the publication should be "in a style similar to that in which the blue books, so called, are now published," was not observed, inasmuch as many things that do not now find place in the modern Blue Book were included in the volumes. The edition, therefore, contains much not printed in previous editions, as the following list will show: acts, 2; tax acts not printed in previous editions, but printed in separate pamphlets, 20; resolves, 34; orders of notice, etc., 328; addresses, messages, etc., 76.

THE COAT-OF-ARMS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

During the session of 1885 the committee on the judiciary made a report to the Legislature on the State seal. Since that time, as is well known, the coat-of-arms of the Commonwealth has been carefully drawn from the best data obtainable, and the representation thus made was formally adopted and declared official by the Legislature of 1898. In the course of this work a great deal of interesting and valuable matter was obtained, which, in my judgment, should be preserved by publication in some convenient and inexpensive form. I therefore recommend a small appropriation for the purpose of publishing and distributing a brief illustrated history of the seal of the Commonwealth, and especially of the official drawing of the coat-of-arms.

ENGROSSMENT OF BILLS AND RESOLVES.

I commend to the consideration of the General Court the subject of transferring the duty of engrossing bills and resolves from this office to that of a clerk or clerks who shall be under the immediate direction of the Legislature. At present, copy for engrossment is furnished to this office by officials of the Legislature, over whom of course the Secretary has no control, while the engrossment is done under the direction of the Secre-

tary, over whom the officials of the Legislature have no control, — an arrangement obviously contrary to the best and most economical business method. I beg to add, however, that this suggestion is not to be regarded in the light of a complaint or as an indication of a desire to avoid any duty which the General Court may see fit to assign to this office.

CHANGES OF NAMES.

The returns of 394 names changed, as decreed by the several probate courts, were received and filed, in compliance with the requirements of section 14, chapter 148 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 89, Acts of 1897, and published in the Blue Book.

PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

There were issued to hawkers and peddlers, under the provisions of chapter 68 of the Public Statutes, 1,957 licenses. Of this number, 375 were for the State, 638 for counties, 621 for cities and towns and 323 for cities and towns in which the applicant resided and paid taxes on a stock in trade. There were also issued 764 free licenses to soldiers and sailors, — a decrease of 86, as compared with the previous year; and 60 free licenses to persons seventy years of age or upwards, — a decrease of 2.

There were no State licenses issued to itinerant vendors, under the act of 1890. The number of transfers of licenses was 149.

Soon after the close of the war of the rebellion an act was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to grant special State or county licenses, without the payment of any fee therefor, to disabled Union soldiers or sailors belonging to this Commonwealth, upon satisfactory evidence that the disability was caused by wounds received or sickness contracted in the service of the United States. In view of the honorable and gallant service rendered by Massachusetts troops and sailors in the war against Spain, I recommend the passage of a similar act for the benefit of their disabled comrades and shipmates.

RETURNS UNDER THE "LOBBY ACT."

Under what is known as the "lobby act" (chapter 456 of 1890, as amended by chapter 223 of 1891 and chapter 298 of

1894), 279 entries were made upon the docket of legislative counsel and agents, — a decrease of 48, as compared with 1898. Returns were received at this office covering 263 of these entries. Of those received, it became the duty of the Secretary to transmit 32 to the Attorney-General for his information, 12 of them appearing to be irregular or defective, and the 20 others being received after the expiration of the time limit. The 16 cases of delinquency were reported to the Attorney-General, as required by law.

ELECTIONS.

All statements and statistics referring to elections appear, as required by law, in Public Document, No. 43 (Assessed Polls, Registered Voters, etc.), together with recommendations in relation thereto.

Under the provisions of chapter 548, Acts of 1898, relative to statements of election expenses, 98 duplicate returns were received from city and town clerks, examined and placed on file. This is a decrease of 66 in the number of returns received in 1898.

PROCLAMATIONS.

The usual Thanksgiving and Arbor Day proclamations were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. Of the Thanksgiving proclamations, about 2,400 were sent by mail to churches and about 100 to institutions; and of the Arbor Day proclamation, 1,050 were distributed by mail.

PARDONS, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued in 1899 was 28; requisitions upon other States, 29; warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 15; transfers from prisons, etc., to hospitals, 33; permits for release from State Prison on parole, 2.

INSOLVENCY RETURNS.

No returns were received in 1899, as an act of Congress, chapter 541, approved July 1, 1898, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," which took effect upon its passage, renders inoperative section 143, chapter 157 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 89, Acts of 1897.

NATURALIZATION RETURNS.

Under the provisions of section 5, chapter 345 of the Acts of 1885, as amended by chapter 36 of the Acts of 1887, returns were received of the naturalization of 2,330 persons before the various courts of the Commonwealth during the year 1898, — a decrease of 189, as compared with the returns for 1897. These returns were indexed and bound in convenient form for reference, as required by law.

MISCELLANEOUS.

As required by law, the return of the Surveyor-General of Lumber of the various kinds and quantities of lumber surveyed and the amount of fees received by him and his deputies in the year 1899 was received and filed.

The return of the Inspector-General of Fish for the year 1898 was received and published in the Boston "Daily Advertiser" of Feb. 23, 1899.

The four special reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths (Public Document, No. 1), Abstract of Certificates of Corporations (Public Document, No. 10), Aggregates of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc. (Public Document, No. 19), and Returns of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted, etc. (Public Document, No. 43), have been made, as required by law.

Respectfully,

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

LIQUOR LICENSES,

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Liquor Licenses, 1899 — Continued.

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| Chester, . | 1 | 1,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 300 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | 19 | |
| Chicopee, . | 1,216 | 24,800 00 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,216 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | \$8 00 | - | - | - | 1,300 00 | 67 | |
| E. Longmeadow, . | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | 24,808 00 | 33 | |
| Granville, . | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | 1 00 | 74 | |
| Hampden, . | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | 59 | |
| Holland, . | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | 90 | 65 | |
| Holyoke, . | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 15 |
| Hongmeadow, . | 40 | 12,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 40 | 45,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21 | 21 00 | - | - | - | 60,021 00 | 3,175 | |
| | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2,352 |
| | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | |

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1 Fourteen first and fourth classes taken together.

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|--------------------|----|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|----------|--------|--------|
| NEWTON, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 24 00 | 1,227 | 2,118 |
| North Reading, . . | 3 | 5,250 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 00 | 20 | 74 |
| Pepperell, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 339 | 221 |
| Reading, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | 433 |
| Sherborn, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 60 | 88 |
| Shirley, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23 | 23 00 | 107 | 111 |
| SOMERVILLE, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,892 | 3,340 |
| Stoneham, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 380 | 700 |
| Stow, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13 | 46 |
| Sudbury, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 29 | 62 |
| Tewksbury, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23 | 106 |
| Townsend, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 82 | 164 |
| Tyngsborough, . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22 | 80 |
| Wakfield, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 510 | 826 |
| WALTHAM, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,107 | 1,953 |
| Watertown, . . . | 1 | 1,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 656 | 800 |
| Wayland, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 195 | 188 |
| Westford, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 31 | 67 |
| Weston, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | 75 |
| Wilmington, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 29 | 131 |
| Winchester, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 106 | 447 |
| WOBURN, . . . | 14 | 15,800 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 00 | 1,302 | 1,208 |
| Totals, . . . | 54 | \$61,150 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 178 | \$178 00 | 30,924 | 39,143 |
| NANTUCKET Co. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 265 | 167 |
| Nantucket, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | \$2 00 | - | - |
| NORFOLK Co. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 114 | 231 |
| Avon, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 66 | 88 |
| Bellingham, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 39 | 161 |
| Brantree, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | \$2 00 | 683 | 913 |
| Brookline, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | 9 00 | 393 | 326 |
| Canton, . . . | 34 | \$5,200 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 00 | 1 | 88 |
| Cohasset, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 00 | 317 | 782 |
| Dedham, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 00 | 6 | 54 |
| Dover, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 187 | 271 |
| Foxborough, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 247 | 317 |
| Franklin, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 99 | 200 |
| Holbrook, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 558 | 919 |
| Hyde Park, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 7 00 | 92 | 112 |
| Medfield, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 00 | - | - |

¹ Two first and fourth classes taken together.

³ Four of the first and fourth classes taken together.

² License vote at municipal election Dec. 12, 1899: yes, 467; no, 1,584.

Liquor Licenses, 1899 — Continued.

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|-----------------------|-----|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|--------------|-------|-------------|----------|----------|---|----------------|--------|--------|
| Kingston, . . . | 1 | 1,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 00 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,300 00 | 63 | 136 |
| Lakeville, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33 | 35 |
| Marion, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | 158 |
| Marshfield, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 65 | 75 |
| Matapoisett, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 55 | 127 |
| Middleborough, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 254 | 421 |
| Norwell, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 58 | 112 |
| Pembroke, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 | 31 |
| Plymouth, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 511 | 612 |
| Plympton, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | 47 |
| Rochester, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 42 |
| Rockland, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 449 | 606 |
| Saltuade, . . . | 2 | 2,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 211 | 129 |
| Wareham, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 180 | 244 |
| W. Bridgewater, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | 65 |
| Whitman, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 244 | 630 |
| Totals, . . . | 10 | \$10,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | \$9 00 | - | 4 | \$850 00 | - | - | \$13,409 00 | 5,973 | 8,645 |
| SUFFOLK Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boston, . . . | 808 | \$985,800 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 991 | \$401,500 00 | 1 112 | \$75,000 00 | 1 254 | \$254 00 | - | \$1,489,575 00 | 48,982 | 28,570 |
| Chelsea, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,215 | 2,633 |
| Revere, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 562 | 916 |
| Winthrop, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 110 | 541 |
| Totals, . . . | 808 | \$985,800 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 991 | \$401,500 00 | 1 112 | \$75,000 00 | 1 254 | \$254 00 | - | \$1,489,575 00 | 51,860 | 32,060 |
| WORCESTER Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashburnham, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 91 |
| Athol, . . . | 7 | \$7,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | \$2,100 00 | - | - | - | - | - | \$1 00 | 33 | 536 |
| Auburn, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9,105 00 | 698 | 67 |
| Barre, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 67 |
| Berlin, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 00 | 24 | 93 |
| Blackstone, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 | 79 |
| Bolton, . . . | 6 | 6,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 300 00 | - | - | - | - | - | 6,301 00 | 409 | 254 |
| Boylston, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 89 |
| Brookfield, . . . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23 | 35 |
| Charlton, . . . | 3 | 3,600 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,502 00 | 291 | 257 |
| Clinton, . . . | 11 | 11,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 | 6,600 00 | - | - | - | - | - | 17,858 00 | 74 | 109 |
| Dana, . . . | 1 | 1,000 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 300 00 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,300 00 | 1,425 | 1,011 |
| Douglas, . . . | 2 | 2,700 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 900 00 | - | - | - | - | - | 3,601 00 | 62 | 32 |
| Totals, . . . | 808 | \$985,800 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 808 | \$985,800 00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 192 | 126 |

1 Including \$21 for twenty-one special licenses issued to sell alcohol under chapter 398, Acts of 1897.

Liquor Licenses, 1899—Continued.

| COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS. | FIRST CLASS. | | SECOND CLASS. | | THIRD CLASS. | | FOURTH CLASS. | | FIFTH CLASS. | | SIXTH CLASS. | | SPECIAL CLUB. | | Amounts Received for Licences. | | Vote at Inst. Annual Meet- ing. Shall Licenses be granted? |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--|
| | No. Issued. | Amounts Re- ceived for same. | No. Revoked. | Amounts Re- ceived for same. | No. Revoked. | Amounts Re- ceived for same. | No. Revoked. | Amounts Re- ceived for same. | No. Revoked. | Amounts Re- ceived for same. | No. Revoked. | Amounts Re- ceived for same. | No. Revoked. | Amounts Re- ceived for same. | Yen. | No. | |
| Worcester Co. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dudley, - Can. | 2 | \$2,000 00 | | \$500 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 153 | 130 | |
| Framingham, | 8 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 2,020 | 2,020 | |
| Gardner, | 8 | 8,000 00 | | 2,200 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 917 | 816 | |
| Grafton, | 4 | 4,800 00 | | 600 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 292 | 282 | |
| Hardwick, | 2 | 2,000 00 | | 800 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 106 | 90 | |
| Harvard, | 2 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 36 | 76 | |
| Holliston, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 110 | 150 | |
| Hopedale, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 53 | |
| Hubbardston, | 1 | 1,000 00 | | 300 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 124 | 80 | |
| Leicester, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 34 | 104 | |
| Leicester, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 183 | 232 | |
| Leominster, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 601 | 705 | |
| Laneburg, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 36 | 74 | |
| Mendon, | 8 | 10,400 00 | | 2,000 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 41 | |
| Millbury, | 5 | 6,000 00 | | 300 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 902 | 588 | |
| New Braintree, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 308 | 208 | |
| New Bedford, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 33 | 30 | |
| North Brookfield, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 383 | 480 | |
| Northborough, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 110 | 150 | |
| Northbridge, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 214 | |
| Oakham, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 65 | 40 | |
| Oxford, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 97 | 221 | |
| Paxton, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 17 | 39 | |
| Peterborough, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 68 | 68 | |
| Phillipston, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 13 | 44 | |
| Thirveston, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 02 | |
| Weymouth, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 24 | 72 | |
| Wendell, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 23 | 73 | |
| Wrentham, | 1 | - | | - | | | | | | | | | | | 102 | 140 | |

Liquor Licenses, 1899 — Concluded.

RECAPITULATION.

| COUNTIES. | Vote at last Annual Meeting. Shall Licenses be granted? | | NUMBER ISSUED. | | | | | | | | Number Revoked. | Amounts Received for Licenses. |
|-----------------|---|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----|-----------------|---|
| | Yes. | No. | First Class. | Second Class. | Third Class. | Fourth Class. | Fifth Class. | Sixth Class. | Special Club. | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BARNSTABLE, . | 823 | 1,791 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | | \$1 00 | |
| BERKSHIRE, . . | 6,921 | 5,944 | 53 | 4 | - | 56 | 7 | 41 | 1 | - | 106,991 00 | |
| BRISTOL, . . . | 14,483 | 11,705 | 167 | - | - | 157 | 1 | 87 | 6 | 3 | 233,837 00 | |
| DUKES, | 140 | 347 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 3 00 | |
| ESSEX, | 26,504 | 23,393 | 1,2197 | 31 | - | 1,2194 | 2,35 | 126 | 6 | - | 278,090 00 | |
| FRANKLIN, . . . | 2,522 | 2,580 | 18 | 4 | - | 20 | - | 17 | - | - | 26,817 00 | |
| HAMPDEN, . . . | 12,576 | 8,842 | 4,5125 | 62 | - | 4,5,6130 | 54 | 81 | 10 | 4 | 200,431 00 | |
| HAMPSHIRE, . . | 3,766 | 3,668 | 28 | 1 | - | 28 | - | 22 | 2 | 2 | 45,072 00 | |
| MIDDLESEX, . . | 30,924 | 39,143 | 754 | - | - | 752 | - | 178 | - | - | 81,528 00 | |
| NANTUCKET, . . | 265 | 167 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | 802 00 | |
| NORFOLK, . . . | 6,697 | 11,017 | 87 | - | - | 87 | - | 37 | - | 2 | 11,137 00 | |
| PLYMOUTH, . . | 5,973 | 8,645 | 10 | 3 | - | 6 | - | 9 | 4 | - | 13,409 00 | |
| SUFFOLK, . . . | 51,860 | 32,660 | 808 | 18 | - | 991 | 112 | 254 | 60 | 13 | 91,489,575 00 | |
| WORCESTER, . . | 20,783 | 18,964 | 157 | 3 | 3 | 90 | 2 | 126 | 11 | - | 10298,081 00 | |
| Totals, | 184,242 | 169,366 | 1,624 | 33 | 3 | 1,732 | 131 | 984 | 100 | 24 | \$2,835,824 00 | |

¹ One hundred and seventy-nine first and fourth classes taken together.² Four first, fourth and fifth classes taken together.³ One second and fifth classes taken together.⁴ Fourteen first and fourth classes taken together.⁵ Two first, fourth and fifth classes taken together.⁶ One second and fourth classes taken together.⁷ Two first and fourth classes taken together.⁸ Four first and fourth classes taken together.⁹ Including \$21 for twenty-one special licenses issued to sell alcohol under chapter 398, Acts of 1897.¹⁰ Including \$5 for five special licenses issued to sell alcohol under chapter 398, Acts of 1897.

SHERIFFS' RETURNS,

1899.

Abstract of the Returns of the Sheriffs of the Several Counties of the Commonwealth for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1899, in Compliance with the Public Statutes, Chapter 25, Sections 25, 26.

| COUNTIES. | AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED. | | | | | NUMBER OF DAYS' ATTENDANCE. | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|---------|
| | From County Treasurer. | For Fees in Civil Process. | For Fees in Criminal Processes. | From All Other Sources. | Totals. | Upon Supreme Judicial Court. | Upon Superior Court. | Upon Court of Record. | Upon County Commissioners. | Upon More than One Court at Same Time. | Totals. |
| Barnstable, | \$600 00 | — | — | — | \$600 00 | 1 | 11 | — | 7 | — | 19 |
| Berkshire, | 1,600 00 | — | — | — | 1,600 00 | 2 | 57 | — | 12 | — | 71 |
| Bristol, | 3,318 04 | — | \$2,405 75 | — | 5,723 79 | 5 | 162 | — | 14 | 1 | 181 |
| Dukes, | 325 00 | \$182 48 | 36 98 | — | 544 46 | — | 4 | — | — | — | 4 |
| Essex, | 2,650 00 | 3 50 | — | \$5,531 11 | 8,184 61 | 13 | 204 | — | — | 50 | 217 |
| Franklin, | 900 00 | — | 125 00 | — | 1,025 00 | 3 | 42 | — | — | 1 | 45 |
| Hampden, | 1,500 00 | — | 605 65 | — | 2,105 65 | 10 | 174 | — | 31 | 34 | 215 |
| Hampshire, | 1,462 72 | — | — | 374 74 | 1,837 46 | 1 | 68 | — | — | 12 | 69 |
| Middlesex, | 3,041 66 | — | — | 7,471 75 | 10,513 41 | 21 | 356 | — | — | 125 | 377 |
| Nantucket, | 372 09 | 24 03 | 15 00 | 7 59 | 418 71 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 2 |
| Norfolk, | 1,200 00 | — | — | 2,855 22 | 4,055 22 | 7 | 489 | — | — | — | 496 |
| Plymouth, | 1,000 00 | — | — | — | 1,000 00 | 2 | 96 | — | — | — | 98 |
| Suffolk, | 3,000 00 | — | 17,456 51 | 510 77 | 20,967 28 | *252 | †1,402 | — | — | — | 234 |
| Worcester, | 2,500 00 | — | — | 5,968 71 | 8,468 71 | 10 | 200 | — | — | 20 | 210 |
| Totals, | \$23,469 51 | \$210 01 | \$20,644 89 | \$22,719 89 | \$67,044 30 | 327 | 3,267 | — | 64 | 243 | 2,238 |

* Supreme judicial court for the Commonwealth, 83; supreme judicial court, 169.

† First session, 164; second session, 169; third session, 172; fourth session, 168; without jury, 125; criminal, 234; divorce, 38; equity, 332.